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REMARKS


In the above-referenced Office Action, the claims were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) and/or 103(a) over the Haubrich et al. reference. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Haubrich addresses a situation wherein the patient is notified that a remote session is about to begin and is given an opportunity to respond. The present claims are directed to a system where a patient is notified that a telemetry session is desired at some time in the future. The patient is given an opportunity to respond. Then, at the scheduled time the patient can prepare for and/or initiate the session. In addition, the immediate notification and confirmation (e.g., of Haubrich) may be used in addition at the scheduled time. Haubrich does not address the request to initiate a session at a future time. As such, the claims are not anticipated nor rendered obvious.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests notice of the same. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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